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A Special Message from the Principal

Upon our face to face return in February, Term 2 gathered real momentum, following a brief period of online learning in January. Our learners have again accomplished so much in and out of the classroom through the term, and all enjoyed the online ECAs.



The initial focus for the Doha Academy schools were the pending inspections by QNSA. At Al Waab the inspection took place in early February; Salwa is to complete their inspection at the start of Term 3. The outcome for AL Waab was very positive, a real success in fact. It clearly outlined the exciting journey that has continued for our learners and the school, in order to make it a global leader, and prepare our learners to play their part in achieving the vision laid out in the Qatar National Vision 2030.

All the schools continue to flourish and grow, as was seen in our IGCSE and AS results at Al Waab in particular. I would like to congratulate all our students and staff in their November exam success. Further accomplishments that the Doha Academy schools can celebrate and that clearly illustrated their skills were seen in the various student art competitions, organised for the schools in Qatar, and the reintroduction of school trips which saw a museum excursion and our first on-line debate, in the last week of term at the Salwa branch.

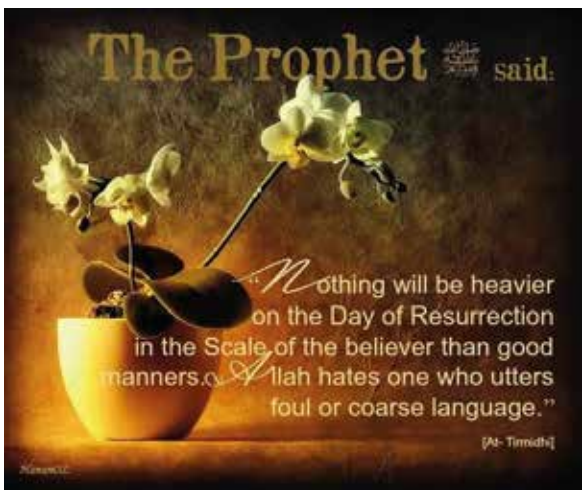
As we aim to work hard to further improve our literacy, it was wonderful to see all the learners come to school as their favorite book character, in our celebration of World Book Day. Not only did the schools try to create their own longest book mark, but their love for reading was evident in the purchase of so many genres and stories at the "Book Fair", which contributed and assisted our schools' libraries too. The learners (and our staff) across the schools wore some stunning costumes and all looked amazing, especially our youngest learners in EYFS at Al Waab and DIKg.

There was also much to celebrate at Al Waab at the end of term, in the secondary section. The girls section once again celebrated the importance of "globalisation", through their informative and well presented "Global Village Day." The benefits of a clear understanding of the nations that were represented beautifully illustrated their individual and collaborative research skills, empathy and speaking skills in the countries they so admirably adopted for the day.

It leaves me now to wish everyone well for the final term ahead, which for our senior students is one fraught with exams. I wish all the students sitting IGCSE, A Levels, and ultimately any form of assessment or end of year test, the very best of luck. Use your time wisely and ensure your endeavour is balanced, so success will result.

Harvey Trump

Doha Academy Schools Principal



Islamic Value of Being Respectful

The Holy Prophet emphasised respect as part of his message.

He (the Prophet) used to respect everyone who entered, so much so that many a times he put his robe under him for sitting and gave his own pillow for support.

The respect which the Prophet showed for others attracted people to him. Humanity was benefited by the Prophet. Indeed the Prophet clearly said:

I have been sent to perfect the noble character.

Respect of others is a very important value for us at Doha Academy and we hope our students will learn to appreciate it. For even Allah emphasised it to the Prophet of Islam in the Qur'an:

And say to my servants that they should only say those things that are best (17: 53)

At Doha Academy, we welcome students and staff from around the world and invite them to participate in and recognise the benefits we all enjoy living and working in Qatar. We have produced a set of guidelines for our staff as to how they can help promote Qatar National Identity as part of Qatar's 2030 Vision.

With the majority of our students being from Qatar, we are fully aware of our school's context and hope to share this with our school community.

We would very much welcome your ideas as to how we can better promote Qatar National Identity.



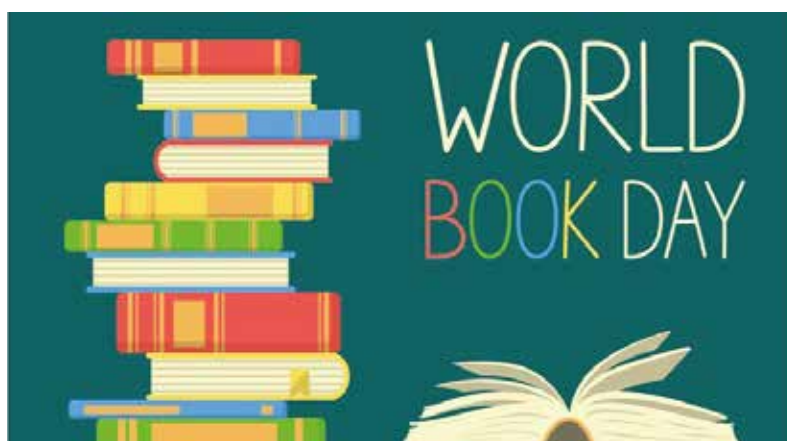
We would love to hear from Qatari parents who would like to talk to our students about their work, their culture or heritage. Please get in touch: humza.alakku@dohaacademy.net

World Book Day is a day to remember the importance of reading books and sharing the love of reading with others.

During the celebration, each year group has been given a theme to explore. The students were given the opportunity to dressed up with our favourite book character or to follow the theme given to each group.

There were variety of fun activities.

- * Create DA's largest bookmark
- * Decorate t-shirts with a book cover or character
- * Create comic strips
- * Wear costumes on Thursday to celebrate the week



- * Enjoy reading with Year 6 Reading mentors across the school
- * Visiting the Scholastic Book Fair

PRIMARY



HEALTH IS WEALTH!

Healthy living in Primary at Doha Academy.

From the Sunday 23 January to Thursday 27 January, the Primary Section has been discussing and exploring what healthy living is. We learnt that there are several key things we must do and they are exercising, sleeping early, eating 5 a day, drinking lots of water and how to protect yourself from illness.

The Longest Bookmark

Many of the children and their teachers joined in to create a bookmark. All children and teachers were able to draw and colour pictures they felt represented what they liked about World Book Day or who their favourite characters were. Now that they are all finished, they will be put together to create one large bookmark!



World Book Day Costumes





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GET INVOLVED

ISLAMIC VALUE OF THE WEEK

* Being involved in an activity can help develop skills and abilities that you may not even have been aware of.

- Joining The Club
- Help Charitable Organizations
- Participate in Sports
- Join Volunteering Programmes
- Attend Cultural Events
- Participate in Competitions

* Involvement in many extracurricular activities brings students into contact with others like coaches, teammates, parents, and event judges, that may become valuable connections later.

* Developing confidence and skills - this can also help you in the future (like in employment or being more independent).

* Makes you work willingly for the betterment of your communities and provide help to those who need it.

* As the school work load increases, it may seem counterintuitive to spend more time on the other activities, but the outlet is often a needed break from homework and studying.

* If College is the next step after School, a record of involvement over several years can demonstrate a continued interest in a particular cause, activity or event.

Involved  منتمي

قول الله تبارك وتعالى: { وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالتَّوَدُّانِ } [المائدة: 2]

God Almighty said: "Help you one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression." [Al-Mai'dah:2]

SECONDARY

We will celebrate National Sports Day on Tuesday, February 8.

Some history - The first National Sport Day was held in 2012 and was designated for sporting endeavours by the citizens of Qatar. The day's main purpose is to promote sports and to educate the local population on ways to reduce health risks associated with an inactive lifestyle, such as coronary heart disease and diabetes.



SECONDARY ART ACHIEVEMENT

The Art Department is delighted to share amazing work by students who have completed magnificent work in Art ECA's .



Year 7 student achievement: Rumaysah Ahmed Year 7, applying arial perspective to create an artwork in digital media.

Year 8 student achievement: Matab Elbashir Year 8 applying Principles of Design (emphasis, pattern and balance) to create an artwork in digital media.



Year 9 student achievement: Lina Abdullah Year 9

Year 9 student achievement: Sham Alkarbi Year 9





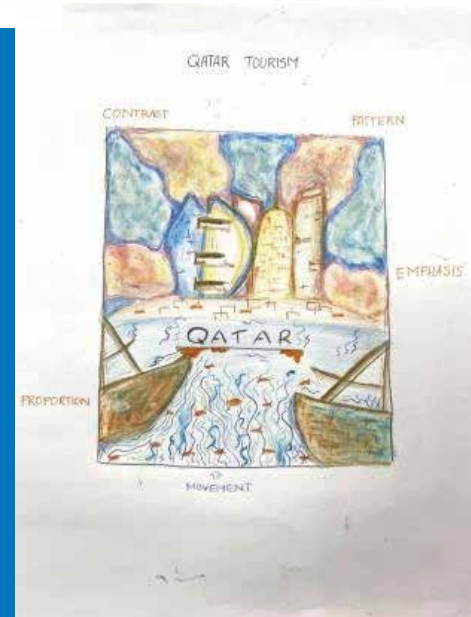
IGCSE Year 11
Students exploring ideas for their Cambridge exam theme, responding skillfully and conceptually.

ART ACHIEVEMENT

Year 10
Students investigating clay to create a sculpture inspired by independent artist research



Year 8
Students skillfully applying oil pastel techniques, and principles of design, to communicate and express their artwork.



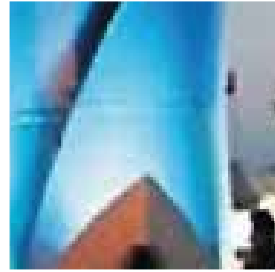
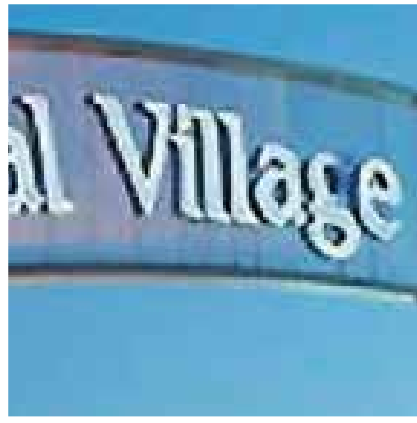
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Doha Academy is a home to students from fifty-five nationalities. We celebrate the diversity of our community during Global Village Day, by organising various activities to recognise, and appreciate the rich culture our students bring to the life of the school.

GLOBAL VILLAGE DAY

Global Village



MISSION

Doha Academy schools offer boys and girls an education for life. We believe that schools should be happy, purposeful communities where children are encouraged to achieve their best spiritually, morally, socially, intellectually and physically.

VISION

To be a global leader in providing an accessible, outstanding, an all-inclusive education that reflects the principles and teachings of Islam.

OFFERING CHILDREN AN EDUCATION FOR LIFE



OBJECTIVES

- * Providing a broadly-based curriculum that is designed to motivate, challenge, encourage and inspire students and enable them to achieve their potential and make the most of their time at Doha Academy and beyond.
- * Adopting teaching and learning methodologies that promote the best habits of independent thought, study and research in our students through the creation of an enjoyable, lively and creative process of education.
- * Integrating information and communication technology in the education process.
- * Enhancing the partnership between students, staff, parents and the wider community.
- * Developing the spiritual, moral and well-being of our students to become global citizens